

BITNER MURDER PRISONER TRIES TO END HIS LIFE

Police Assert Four Have Confessed to Slaying at Oil Station.

MAN STANDS ON COT, DIVES, STRIKING HEAD

"Rather Be Dead Than Get What's Coming to Me," He Tells Doctor.

Benjamin Branson, 26, one of four negroes said by police to have confessed yesterday to the murder of Philbert H. Bitner, 29-year-old gasoline station manager, last night attempted suicide in his cell at the Tenth Precinct station by jumping from his cell cot to the floor, landing on his head. He was taken to Gallinger Hospital suffering from possible fracture of the vertebrae in his neck.

As soon as word of Branson's attempt at suicide was flashed to detective headquarters, a special watch was ordered kept over the three other men held at other precincts as Bitner's murderers.

Branson, who told Dr. A. J. Betts, of Emergency Hospital, he would "rather be dead than live and get what's coming to me," was found on the floor of his cell at 9 o'clock by Policeman J. H. Flinn, on duty in the station house.

Dr. Betts, who was summoned with the Emergency Hospital ambulance, said Branson was suffering from severe shock and the neck injury. He was carried from his cell to the patrol wagon on a stretcher. Branson, apparently in agony from his neck injury, told Dr. Betts he got up on his cell cot a few minutes before he was found lying on the floor and that he jumped as high as he could and landed on his head on the concrete floor. He was taken to Gallinger under heavy police guard.

Police Say Four Have Confessed. The four are said to have admitted participating in the murder of Bitner, who was shot down in front of his gasoline station at Sixth street and Rhode Island avenue northwest Thursday night, after a three-hour grilling by members of the headquarters homicide squad under Lieut. Edward J. Kelly, yesterday morning.

James Elmo Crawford, 17 years old, of 932 Florida avenue northwest, was said to have admitted firing the shots that caused Bitner's death. The death gun, a .45-caliber automatic revolver, with two shells missing, was found at 1618 Ninth street northwest. Crawford, police said, told detectives he left the gun at that address shortly after the shooting.

Milton Edward Terry, 18, a boot-black, of 635 T street northwest, his brother, Carl, 22, and Branson, of 209 Florida avenue northwest, the three held for Bitner's death. Although they are said to have confessed, the charge of "investigation" against their names will not be changed to murder until this morning, detectives said.

Carl Terry, who, with his brother and Crawford, was arrested on suspicion early Saturday morning, police said, admitted ownership of the gun. He is said to have "loaned" the gun to Crawford.

Arrested in Home. Branson was arrested at his home early yesterday by Detective Sergeant Joseph Waldron, Thomas Sweeney and George Darnall after a battered felt hat with the initial "B" in it, found at the murder scene, was said to have been dropped by him in his flight from the gasoline station in an automobile reported stolen earlier in the evening by the four from Thirteenth and U streets northwest.

Each of the prisoners, police said, told detectives the shooting was "accidental."

Realizing he had but a few moments to live from the wound in his back, Bitner, at Garfield Hospital, told police he was stooping over the gasoline tanks at the station making a "check-up" when the youths drove up in their car.

The one who fired the shot, Bitner said, calling him an unprintable name, said, "Now we're going to let you have it," and fired twice before he could protect himself.

Crawford said Branson was driving the automobile when it pulled up in front of the gasoline station, police declared. They stopped to "get gasoline," they told police.

When the automobile in which the four are said to have fled from the murder scene was found abandoned a few minutes later on a lot adjacent to 1636 Third street northwest, the gasoline tanks were found to be nearly filled, however.

Inquest to Be Held Today. An inquest into Bitner's death will be held this morning at 11:30 o'clock at the District Morgue.

Funeral services for the slain man, who had served for six years in the United States Marine Corps, were held at his home, 817 Sheridan street northwest, Saturday night. He was buried at Salisbury, Md., yesterday.

Police yesterday were jubilant over the quick arrests in Bitner's murder. They are confident the arrests of the four will "put a check" on the activity.

VICE CRUSADER



CAPT. GUY E. BURLINGAME, commanding officer of the Second Precinct, one of the leaders in Maj. Hesse's war against gamblers, who says that despite recent efforts to curb gambling the situation is as "rotten as ever."

LACK OF LAW BALKS DRIVE ON GAMBLING

Police Captain in Tenderloin of Capital Finds Situation No Better, Despite Raids.

SAYS "DENS JUST MOVE"

Despite the recent strenuous activity of the Police Department against commercialized gambling in the District, the "situation is just as rotten as ever," according to Capt. Guy E. Burlingame, commanding officer of the Second Precinct, the principal trouble zone in Maj. Edwin B. Hesse's anti-gambling war. Capt. Burlingame was assigned to the precinct about two years ago, when realization was brought to headquarters that its troublesome nature required the administration of one of the most capable and experienced captains the department possessed.

After years of vigorous effort to curb the gambling and illegal tendencies of the District, augmented during the recent months by the strenuous campaign directed by police headquarters, Capt. Burlingame, while expressing belief that he may have relieved the situation in his own precinct, admitted that such success as he may have obtained merely made more difficult the administrations of commanding officers in other precincts.

"When we chase them out of our precinct, as we do every day," said Capt. Burlingame, "they merely move, and then some one else has to get on their trail."

The gambling "round-up" is not a round-up at all, in the opinion of the captain. It is just a "vicious circle."

Capt. Burlingame has learned the difficulties of operating under the present anti-gambling laws of the District, and last night he was bitter in denunciation of the inadequacies of these laws. He realized the difficulties of getting men inside the "gambling joints," in order to make a play on which a warrant can be obtained. On the other hand, he points out if a raid is made without a warrant, regardless of the evidence which is obtained, it is virtually impossible to obtain a conviction.

Realization of the difficulties of operating under the gambling laws has caused Capt. Burlingame recently to change his tactics. Now he works on what he has reason to believe are gambling houses, under the elastic clause of the "disorderly conduct" law.

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Stolen Rothstein Papers Wanted by Grand Jury

Indictments Are Expected Against Persons Who Took Documents.

New York, Dec. 2 (N.Y.W.N.S.).—The grand jury tomorrow will concentrate its activities in what District Attorney Banton dignifies as a "search for important documents, memoranda and notes" which were pilfered from the safe deposit boxes and home of Arnold Rothstein, murdered gambler.

This activity, for the moment, will eclipse the homicide angle of the Rothstein affair, the evidence in which is said to have been assembled. With three indictments for the murder decided upon, the grand jury, for the next few days, will take up the question of the stolen papers and perhaps indict those persons suspected of stealing them.

The life of Rothstein, rather than his death, consequently becomes the burning question as the investigation enters its fifth week. The missing documents, according to Banton, connected the gambler and people in high places in reprehensible activities. But what people and in what activities he would not say.

The last of the available witnesses will be called before the grand jury tomorrow afternoon. One will be the dapper "Willie" McCabe, who is held in \$10,000 bail as a material witness. He will be asked two important questions. Why was he so eager that his departure from Savannah, Ga., the day

2 MEN KILLED, 3 ARE HURT IN AUTO CRASHES

Marylander Dead, Another Lies Injured After Cars Collide Head-On.

W. T. MERCHANT MEETS HIS DEATH IN VIRGINIA

Woman Is Struck Down as Automobile Climbs Curb in Southeast.

Two young men were killed and three persons seriously injured yesterday in three automobile accidents in nearby Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

John Clark Riggs, 22 years old, Laytonville, Md., was killed, instantly, and George Bartlett, 19 years old, of Woodside, Md., was seriously injured in a head-on collision between two automobiles near Laytonville.

William T. Merchant, 38 years old, 313 C street southeast, the third person injured, was struck down and killed fatally, and Harry Matthews, of Arlington, Va., critically hurt when a machine in which they were riding overturned on the Columbia pike near Arlington.

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Both automobiles were overturned. Riggs and Bartlett were thrown from their machine. Riggs died instantly and Bartlett was taken to the Montgomery County General Hospital at Ashburn, Md., where he still was unconscious at a late hour last night. He is believed to have suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries.

Gather and three other occupants of his machine were taken into custody by Dean Wilkinson, Montgomery County policeman, at Rockville, Md., who investigated the accident. After questioning, all were released, except Gather, who is held in the Rockville jail for investigation.

Driver Ditches Machine. Ezekiah Coplin, colored, of Laytonville, who was driving an automobile in the rear of Gather, ditched his machine in an effort to avoid colliding with the car in front of him.

Riggs' body was taken to Barber's undertaking establishment at Laytonville. He was employed on the farm of his uncle, Remus Riggs. Bartlett had been visiting Riggs during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Merchant and Matthews yesterday morning were brought to the Emergency Hospital here in a passing machine after their machine had turned over. Merchant was pronounced dead on his arrival at the hospital, and Matthews' condition was said to be so critical that physicians hold little hope for his recovery. He has a fractured skull, concussion of the brain and hemorrhage.

Sheriff Making Inquiry. Sheriff H. B. Fields, of Arlington County, is conducting an investigation.

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FLIGHT FAILS



LADY JANE MARY HEATH, British flier, who holds three records for women, fails at Curtiss Field to better her own altitude record.

Lady Heath's Flight Fails; Blames Wind

New York, Dec. 2 (N.Y.W.N.S.).—Clad in four flying suits and a coat and cap of the skin of a leopard, which she said she had shot herself, Lady Jane Mary Heath, British aviatrice, failed today to better her own unofficial altitude record for women, being forced to descend after reaching a height of barely 15,000 feet.

She took off at Curtiss Field, Long Island, in her De Havilland Gypsy Moth at 9:08-15 o'clock this morning and came down again at 10:48. Harry Booth, representative of the National Aeronautical Association, will take the barograph to Washington for an official reading. Lady Heath explained her failure on the grounds of a missing motor, due to the extreme cold. The said she had encountered an 80-mile wind and decided it would be useless to try going any higher.

After her descent Lady Heath flew to Hartford for a luncheon engagement with Gov. Trumbull.

Swedish Princes In Capital Today

Count and Countess Folke Bernadotte Also Will Visit City.

Prince Gustavus Adolphus and Prince Sigvard, of Sweden, and several other members of the Swedish royal party who arrived in America a week ago to attend the wedding of Estelle Manville and Count Folke Bernadotte were expected to arrive in Washington this morning at 7:30 o'clock.

At El-Esmaro, the Manville estate on Long Island, it was stated yesterday that Count and Countess Folke Bernadotte would route their honeymoon trip through Washington in order to be guests of President and Mrs. Coolidge at luncheon today.

Tonight the royal party will dine with W. Brewster, Swedish Minister to the United States, and Mrs. Brewster. Saturday the visitors will sail for Sweden from New York on the Gripsholm.

Lieut. Sanders Dies In Blazing Airplane

Army Officer's Aid Seriously Burned in Crash at Haliburton Field.

Duncan, Okla., Dec. 2 (A.P.).—Lieut. Park Sanders, of Lawton, Okla., was burned to death and his mechanic, Clement Migliore, suffered severe burns when their airplane was destroyed by fire as they were taking off from Haliburton Field here today. Migliore lives in New York.

Lieut. Sanders was the son of the late R. T. Sanders, street commissioner of Lawton. He was piloting the airplane from the Army post at Lawton en route to Galveston, where he was stationed at Fort Crockett.

The plane rose 60 feet, nosed downward and grazed a house to a corner of the field, tearing away a 6-foot of the right wing. The plane's momentum carried it 60 feet farther before it struck the earth and burst into flames.

Man Finds Job After 9 Months; Hangs Self

New York, Dec. 2 (N.Y.W.N.S.).—Charles Schacht, a baker who still was robust despite his 68 years, fretted for nine months without a job, and Friday he found one. He came that night to his home in the Bronx and gleefully told his wife, Louise, of his good fortune. Again, he would keep his own hours, live the baker's life which was his own life. This morning he rose at 3, kissed his wife good-by and went downstairs to the kitchen.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Mrs. Schacht went to the cellar. In the gloom, suspended from a rope tied to a beam, swung the body of her husband. He had hanged himself.

Woman's Arm and Hand Found in Road; Mystery

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 2 (A.P.).—The discovery of a woman's arm and hand yesterday on the highway near Linn Creek in Camden County is being investigated by officials. The arm was wrapped in three newspapers and was found near the side of the road by some boys who were hunting.

Officials stated after an investigation that no women were missing in the Linn Creek neighborhood.

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WATSON LEADS ALL RIVALS FOR CURTIS' CROWN

Moses Is Among Leaders Who Will Support Indianian.

BOULDER DAM HEADS BUSINESS IN SENATE

Extra Session Thoughts Run in Three Channels; House Has Fund Bills on List.

By CARLISLE BARGERON.

Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana, working with his accustomed smoothness, is believed to have a look on the Senate leadership as Congress convenes today. The customary brief session is expected for the opening day with the swearing in of members named to fill vacancies comprising all of the business and then the two houses will break up into formal and informal conferences on what the future holds forth.

Not the least of these among Senate Republicans will concern the successor to Senator Curtis when he resigns, as he is expected to do, shortly after the Christmas recess.

So far has the genial and astute Indianian succeeded in clinching the leadership that it will necessitate some rather diligent and perhaps rowing work on the part of the so-called personal Hooverites if it is to be withheld from him. Whether the Hoover interests are concerned to this extent or whether they really have any objection to Watson is a question, of course.

Not Original Hooverite.

It would hardly be that he is their choice, however, because he was far from being an original Hooverite. But when it comes to the question of whether he would forget the past and put his heart into the carrying out of Mr. Hoover's policies in the Senate there can scarcely be any doubt. The senator is made that way.

He was a presidential candidate, in the pre-convention stage, himself, but Mr. Hoover was nominated and elected, and that settles the matter in so far as he is concerned. So far as the world at large will ever know, he and Mr. Hoover are now the best of friends, have been since Kansas City spoke.

Little Cause to Complaine.

Thus constructed, Mr. Hoover would never have cause to complain that his party leader in the Senate, if it be the senator, was out of harmony with him, and with the President-elect in South America, the Indiana senator has such a hold on the place that little short of a party disturbance will shake him loose.

Weight to the belief that this is so was given by Senator Moses' announcement that he would support Watson. Incidentally, the New Hampshire senator has as much claim to be classed as a personal Hooverite as any one. The fact that he is behind his Indiana colleague might indicate that Mr. Hoover is to keep hands off.

Sensor Wesley L. Jones, of Washington, has said that he would accept the mantle if given to him. This attitude, however, lacks the Watsonian aggressiveness that is born of Jones' philosophy that if he is worthy, the honor will naturally come to him, which is not always the case.

On the House side, sometime in the afternoon, after adjournment, Chairman Hawley of the ways and means committee, is expected to get his tariff making aggregation together to determine whether it should go to work at this session of Congress in anticipation of an extra session directly following the short session.

Three Extra Session Views.

Thought is rapidly developing into three well defined channels on the question of the extra session, whether it should be held in the spring or in the fall and whether farm relief should be enacted at the short session or whether it would naturally come to him, which is not always the case.

Since Senator Capper, of Kansas, let the cat out of the bag as to the mind of the Middle Western group, it is difficult to predict which thought will prevail.

The farmer needs some tariff revision, and it is not going to permit of a general upward revision of the tariff rates. It is the Kansas senator's attitude that it is equality with industry that the farmer wants and that there will be no equality in advancing both the farm and industrial rates.

Quite likely the senator's attitude will be the subject of conferences, formal and otherwise, before anything like a definite program develops.

As soon as the House gets through with its preliminaries there will be appropriation bills waiting for it. The House appropriations committee has been at work for several weeks and such a steady flow of supply measures will go to the House that it may be occupied until well after Christmas.

Unless there is an unforeseen delay President Coolidge's message, his veto, perhaps, will be read tomorrow.

Boulder Dam Bill First.

Then Wednesday if the Senate has a mind to, there is no reason why it should not take up the Boulder Dam bill. With that done the final session of the present Congress will be really underway.

New senators to be received today are John H. Chafee, of Rhode Island, successor to the late Senator Gossett; Octavio A. Larrazolo, who succeeds the late Senator A. A. Jones of New Mexico, and O. F. Glenn, of Illinois, elected to the seat denied Frank L. Smith. Senator-elect Theodore E. Burton of Ohio, elected to succeed Senator Cyrus H. Locher, does not get his seat for two weeks yet.

Two Cabinet appointments, Secretary of the Interior West and Secretary of Commerce Whiting, will probably be submitted today and they may be acted upon Wednesday, ahead of the regular order of business. There may be a fight on West.

2 Sons of King Start Long Journeys Home

Wales Sails; Prince Henry Travels South Upon African Special.

London, Dec. 2 (A.P.).—Two sons of King George tonight were well started on their homeward routes from southeastern Africa. The Prince of Wales, who, because of the greater accessibility of the Tanganyika district, where he was hunting, had been the first notified of the critical nature of his father's illness, sailed from Dar-es-Salaam at 10:30 this morning.

His younger brother, the Duke of Gloucester, emerged from the wilds only today at Sakania, in the Belgian Congo, on the border of northern Rhodesia, and at once entrained in a special coach for the dash to the coast, which is the first leg of his homeward journey.

The heir to the British throne will be taken by the fast cruiser Enterprise to Suez, a distance of slightly more than 2,000 miles. He will take a train to Alexandria and embark on another British warship for some continental European port not yet selected. He is expected to reach England on December 12 or 13.

The duke has a much longer journey before him both in distance and in time. He was almost equidistant from the east and west coast when news of the situation at Buckingham Palace reached him, but because of the scanty transportation facilities he chose the longer journey to Cape Town, the southern tip of the continent, to find a vessel to carry him to England.

Prince Henry is expected to reach Victoria Falls, South Rhodesia, at 8 a. m. on Tuesday, and it is hoped that a special train will enable him to reach Cape Town before the royal mail steamer Balmoral Castle, sails for England on December 7. Sakania is some 1,200 miles distant in an air line from Cape Town and the devious railroad route would add many more.

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HEART OF KING GROWING WEAK; STRENGTH LOW

Doctors Admit Anxiety; Two Others Are Called in Consultation.

MEMBERS OF ROYAL FAMILY SHOW WORRY

No Change of Condition in Next 12 Hours Expected, Says Spokesman.

London, Dec. 2 (U.P.).—King George apparently was in a more serious condition tonight than at any time during his present illness, which has worn down the strength that had enabled him to withstand for thirteen days an attack of lung congestion.

His physicians announced that the king had suffered a "decline in strength of the heart which causes anxiety" and for the first time members of the family appeared greatly worried.

The Duke of York was summoned to Buckingham Palace and the queen and Princess Mary were waiting in readiness in case of necessity. The physicians returned to Buckingham Palace at 10:30 p. m. after an absence of 90 minutes, and it was understood that other doctors were being summoned.

Bulletin at Midnight.

An official bulletin issued at 12:10 a. m. (Monday) revealed that two more doctors were at the king's bedside. It read:

"The king has had some sleep during the last three hours. Further consultation confirms the opinion expressed in the last bulletin. In spite of improvement in the lung, anxiety concerning the strength of his heart persists."

"STANLEY HEWETT, "DANFORTH PENN, "E. FARQUHAR BUZZARD, "L. E. H. WHITEBY."

The crowd outside Buckingham Palace and groups in every restaurant and hotel in London were studying the ominous night bulletin and expressing ever-increasing alarm.

The bulletin issued at 8:30 p. m., signed by Hewett and Dawson, said: "His majesty had quieter sleep during the day. The ineffective process continued to diminish. His temperature tonight was 100. At the same time there is a decline in strength of the heart which causes anxiety."

The morning bulletin, which increased the feeling of anxiety throughout the empire, had been lengthy. It said:

"The king has had a rather restless night. This morning his temperature is lower and the ineffective process shows some improvement. His general strength, though at present adequate, is at this stage of the illness being taxed."

Sons On Way Home. Meanwhile, the Prince of Wales was at sea on the speedy naval cruiser, H. M. S. Enterprise, en route from Dar-es-Salaam, East African coast, to Suez, and thence by warship and train to London. The Duke of Gloucester had signified his intention of returning at once, and dispatches to the Daily Telegraph said he was on a train headed for Cape Town to catch a fast mail boat. Both had been hunting in the jungles when they were notified of the king's illness.

The queen was keeping in close touch with the Prince of Wales by wireless. It was said unofficially.

The continuous stream of anxious subjects—society leaders, unemployed and laborers—formed a constantly moving line before the palace gates, where the night bulletin was posted. They discussed the bulletin in whispers, and the words "looks serious" were often repeated.

The Daily Mail said it had been informed that "measures have been taken to alleviate the king's pain and enable him to sleep" during the last week.

Two More Doctors Called.

The gravity of the king's illness was illustrated by the addition of two physicians, Sir E. Farquhar Buzzard, physician extraordinary to the king and consulting neurologist to the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, and L. E. H.

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Whitby, distinguished bacteriologist. Both of them signed the bulletin issued shortly after midnight.

At 1 a. m. a spokesman at Buckingham Palace described the situation as "most anxious." The doctors were still with the king, and said they expected to remain in the sick room for at least another hour.

The spokesman added that unless unforeseen circumstances arose, it was not believed likely that the king's condition would change much in the next twelve hours.

The crowd which had been waiting at the gates at midnight rushed to the bulletin board to read the bulletin.

The Duke of York was en route from his home to the palace when he received a message which caused him to alter his plans and return to Piccadilly.

Cabinet is informed.

The midnight bulletin was transmitted to members of the cabinet. The two new doctors who signed the bulletin after 30 minutes of consultation entered the palace by rear gates and their presence was known only to members of the immediate royal circle. During the consultation a nurse arrived at the palace in a taxicab.

After the departure of Hewett at 3:30 a. m. Monday it was said the king's physicians at Buckingham Palace did not anticipate a change in his majesty's condition within the next few hours. Buzzard and Whitby departed before Hewett, leaving only Lord Dawson at the palace.

Unofficial reports reached parliamentary circles from Buckingham Palace that the king's condition was causing much concern. It was stated that nearly everything depended on whether his heart withstands the strain. This is the thirteenth day of his illness.

Palace Lights Aglow.

The ominous evening bulletin was the principal topic of conversation in the West End restaurants, hotels and clubs, and there was a distinct feeling of anxiety. At 11 p. m. there were still several hundred persons in front of Buckingham Palace, silently gazing at the facade.

The entire lower floor of the palace was lighted, which is unusual, and both gates were open to permit the stream of automobiles bearing distinguished visitors to enter.

Heavy rain started falling shortly after 1 a. m. (Monday) and the crowd of several hundred which had waited after the bulletin was posted at the palace gates was dispersed. Only a score of persons remained.

The Daily Mail said it had learned a navy destroyer was being held in readiness at Calais or Boulogne to convey the Prince of Wales to England across the English Channel.

Wales' Betrothal To Peeress Denied

Lady Anne Wellesley's Kin Says There Is No Engagement; Girl Is Ill.

New York, Dec. 2 (A.P.).—The New York American tomorrow will say in a copyrighted story that rumors that the Prince of Wales was engaged to marry Lady Anne Maud Wellesley led the paper to telephone today from New York to the home of the Marquis of Douro, Lady Anne's father, at Strathfeld House, Mortimer, Berkshire, England.

Lady Anne's sister-in-law, Lady George Wellesley, who came to the telephone, termed the rumor "mistaken," adding "there is no engagement."

Lady Anne, who is 19 years old, made her debut at the first royal court this year. While she is not of royal lineage, her father is the eldest son of the fourth Duke of Wellington. She has been ill for some time, and the American will say that Lady George was asked about reports that during her sister-in-law's illness the prince called constant inquiries.

"I know nothing about anything like that," Lady George replied.

Exhaustion on Hike Kills Dartmouth Man

Hanover, N. H., Dec. 2 (A.P.).—Word was received by the officials of Dartmouth College today that Herbert Johnson Young, of St. Louis, Mo., a freshman, died of exhaustion yesterday while hiking through the White Mountains with a party of Dartmouth Outing Club members.



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DAVIS SEES FAILURE OF IMMIGRANT BAR

Imperative That Congress Tighten Law, He Tells Heads of Committees.

CITES COURT RULINGS

(Associated Press.)

Warning of an impending breakdown in the country's control of immigration and an urgent request for legislation to prevent it will be conveyed to Congress today by Secretary of Labor Davis.

In a letter prepared for transmission to the chairmen of the House and Senate immigration committees and made public yesterday, the Secretary declared it to be "imperative that Congress tighten the immigration law" as a result of court decisions, already delivered or expected, which allow foreign-born residents of Canada and Mexico the privilege of entering the country.

The situation, he described, arose primarily from district and appellate court rulings that foreign-born residents of Canada are entitled to cross and recross the American border for employment in this country without being considered immigrants.

The Labor Department has attempted to require a person of European or other foreign birth resident in Canada to obtain passport visa and immigrant status from the country of nativity, the Secretary explained, and courts at Buffalo and Detroit and the circuit court in Philadelphia on appeal have ruled in favor of the aliens.

The matter now awaits final verdict by the Supreme Court.

"If the decision stands, it would follow that any alien," the letter said, "seeking to enter the United States at any port of entry for the purpose of working or engaging in labor of any kind, must be permitted to enter, so far as concerns the immigration act of 1924, if he intends to depart at the end of each week, or month, or each sixth month, or even less often. A great influx of laborers, even into interior cities, could be expected."

The Secretary added that if the decision stood there also would be no reason to prevent aliens from Europe from coming here temporarily to work at purely local jobs.

Otto Beck Scores At Organ Concert

Brings Out Beauties in Musical Instrument at Auditorium.

A comprehensive program of popular organ music was played on the great organ of the Washington Auditorium yesterday by Otto Beck, of Philadelphia, who is giving a series of vespers concerts on Sunday afternoons at the auditorium.

Mr. Beck, who has a large following here due to his career as a favorite organist in several Washington cinema theaters, is a master of the organ. His skillful handling of the beauties inherent in the auditorium organ were brought to the fore and he was vigorously applauded. His pedal work is particularly brilliant and his tone is at all times smooth and virile.

A number of the selection played yesterday were upon special request of his audience. He has arranged a plan whereby at his Sunday afternoon concerts he will play favorite airs for any one who will send him a written request in care of the auditorium.

FIRE RECORD.

3:26 a. m.—1303 West Virginia avenue northeast; trash.

3:36 a. m.—312 Howard road southeast; chimney.

4:10 a. m.—408 A street northeast; defective fire.

4:10 a. m.—Tenth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest; automobile.

3 Youths Accused Of Stripping Auto

Police Say Hyattsville Residents Have Confessed to Robberies.

Three youths said by Hyattsville police to have stripped a parked automobile of its parts, yesterday were arrested by Chief of Police C. M. Blanchard, of Hyattsville. The youths, Joseph G. Ferrier, 18 years old, Raymond Watts, 17, and Gibson Moore, 20, all of Hyattsville, confessed to the theft of parts from the car, according to Chief Blanchard, before Justice of the Peace H. J. Moffatt.

Blanchard was patrolling Saturday night when he saw a figure stooping behind a parked car. He gave chase and arrested Ferrier, who gave him the names of the other two youths. The automobile was the property of G. E. Rinker, of Hyattsville Hills.

Ferrier and Moore waived preliminary hearing and were released on \$500 bonds to await action of the April term of the grand jury. Watts will be given a preliminary hearing before Judge Moffatt tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Gems, Valued at \$1,000, Loot at Man's Home

Personal property valued at more than \$1,000 was reported by Roy A. Zachery, 2918 Thirtieth place northwest, to have been stolen from that address yesterday afternoon by a man who entered a rear window on the first floor. Zachery said he saw the man leaving the house through an alley, but lost sight of him.

The articles reported stolen consisted of a platinum bar pin set with a diamond and two sapphires, valued at \$800; a rope of pearls valued at \$75; a gold ring set with diamonds, valued at \$250; a man's watch, valued at \$200; a wrist watch, valued at \$70. Zachery is secretary to Senator Walter E. Edge, of New Jersey.

Girl Declared Victim Of Shot Fired by Self

Helen Licarione, 17 years old, of 244 Sixteenth street southeast, was taken to Providence Hospital yesterday afternoon with a bullet wound in her shoulder, said by the police to have been self-inflicted at her home in a fit of despondency.

CAPITOL AND LEADERS WAIT ON CONGRESS



Everything in readiness for the convening of the short session of Congress. The Capitol is shown, with Speaker Nicholas Longworth, left, and Vice President Charles G. Dawes, who will wield the gavels starting the Senate and House on the strenuous program which both houses face.

COOLIDGE'S RETURN FROM VIRGINIA TRIP

Small Crowd Welcomes Party at Union Station; Both Are Benefited by Vacation.

WORSHIP AT OLD CHURCH

President and Mrs. Coolidge returned to Washington at 8 o'clock last night from their Thanksgiving visit to Swansboro, Va., where they spent the day.

A small crowd was on hand in the concourse of the Union Station to greet the presidential party, who passed through the station and went directly to their automobiles.

Waynesboro, Va., Dec. 2 (A.P.).—President and Mrs. Coolidge left here this afternoon for Washington, after a Thanksgiving holiday spent at the Swannanoa Club in the Virginia hills.

A crowd was at the station to bid farewell to the presidential party, and as Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge walked to their car several companies of cadets from the Fishburne Military Academy stood at attention and saluted.

This morning President and Mrs. Coolidge attended church services in the First Presbyterian Church of Staunton, where Woodrow Wilson's father once was pastor, and heard a sermon on the necessity of humility preached by the Rev. Thornton Whaling, of Louisville, Ky.

Coolidge seemed to have profited physically by the rest and outdoor recreation afforded by his brief sojourn in the Blue Ridge Mountains. In spite of a rainy day, the President managed to get in considerable practice at a recent favorite form of amusement, clay-pigeon shooting and yesterday spent an hour in an unsuccessful hunt for quail.

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REPLY BY BALDWIN NOT YET DELIVERED

Britten Fails to Get Message Reported Sent on Proposal for Naval Parley.

KELLOGG DENIES RECEIPT

(Associated Press.)

The week-end failed to bring any light to Chairman Britten of the House naval committee as to the views of Premier Baldwin of England on his proposal for a naval limitations parley between committees of the British Parliament and the American Congress.

Britten said yesterday that apparently the friendly reply which press dispatches said the British premier had addressed to him has been held up somewhere along the line between London and Washington. The chairman was not sure just where, but he expressed some doubt as to whether the reported communication ever would reach him through the British Embassy or the American State Department.

The chairman in sending the proposal to Mr. Baldwin failed to use the channels of State Department communication. The department has announced that as yet no reply from the premier has been received.

Britten explained he had heard nothing from the State Department or the British Ambassador, Sir Esmé Howard, in regard to the reply, although these two conferred at some length yesterday.

Britten Awaits Publication.

Britten declared it was evident Sir Esmé did not deliver the reply to the department, but added he might learn the contents of the reported communication in dispatches from London, where, he said, he understands a resolution has been introduced in the house of commons requesting Baldwin's message be made public.

The chairman expressed doubt that Ambassador Howard would transmit Baldwin's reply to him direct, in view of the State Department's apparent attitude and the long-established diplomatic procedure in such matters.

Representative La Guardia (Republican), New York, announced that he would introduce a resolution in the House tomorrow to direct Secretary Kellogg to invite a British parliamentary committee to confer with a committee from the House of Representatives along the line of Britten's proposal. The resolution, he said, would suggest Havana, Cuba, for the meeting place, instead of Canada, as proposed by Britten.

French Officials Interested.

Paris, Dec. 2 (A.P.).—The exchange of opinion between Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin and Representative

Special to The Washington Post.

Danville, Va., Dec. 2.—An old-fashioned dance in Pittsylvania County resulted early this morning in Lester Bradner being shot and instantly killed by Harold Gibson, the possible fatal wounding of Vaden Bradner, a brother, and the effective routing of a large company of guests at the home of Oakley McNelly at Mineola. Gibson was captured by a posse of county officers before daylight and is in the county jail at Chatham. He was at his home and said he intended surrendering today.

Vaden Bradner had a large caliber bullet wound through the body and is in a local hospital, doctors being unable to determine internal damage and seeking to tide him over the shock.

County officers, headed by Sheriff G. A. Murphy, reported that last summer differences had arisen between Bradner and Gibson families, Gibson claiming that his life had been threatened. Last midnight, when the rural dance was at its height, Gibson is said to have drawn a revolver and shot Lester Bradner and then to have wounded his brother. The father of the two boys was fired at, but the shot went wild.

Dr. J. C. Anderson was called from Chatham to treat the injured men.

Man, Caught in Chase, Driver of Stolen Auto

Motorcycle Policeman A. H. Pool, of the Thirteenth Precinct, yesterday afternoon pursued J. J. Edward Moler, 29, of 3748 Culver street, Baltimore, along Georgia avenue to within 5 yards of the District line before overhauling him. Moler was taken to the station and charged with reckless driving and jay riding.

It then developed, police said, that the car he was driving had been reported stolen a few hours before from in front of his home by Louis Lasky, a sign painter, who lives at 4721 Georgia avenue.

Trapped by Death.

Many citizens attempted to escape from the danger zone in automobiles, but were unable to make their way across the Cacopola River Bridge which was broken. The station agent at San Javier was killed by a falling cornice when he attempted to rescue his son from a building under construction.

A Spaniard named Rollo and all the members of his family were buried in the wreckage of the quake. Apparently a terror, crowded together in streets and squares or in camps made in the open field, where some of them fled, the first survivors to arrive here reported. Alberto Maraboli, who was in Talca at the time of the quake, said Friday midnight presented a scene of terror, crowded in crowded sections of the town.

Others arriving here told of the destruction of the hospital and first-aid building, which greatly hampered the work of relief.

MAN IN BITNER CASE ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

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ties of bandits who have staged several holdups recently.

Members of the headquarters homicide squad who spent two sleepless nights in their effort to apprehend Bitner's slayers are Lieut. Edward J. Kelly, chief of all criminal investigations, and Detective Sergts. Joseph F. Waldron, Thomas Sweeney, George Darnall, John Fowler, John Flaherty, Howard Smith and Paul Jones.

Police declared they feared no further trouble from the crowd which late Saturday night were said to have threatened with death Edward M. Payne, who succeeded Bitner as night manager of the gasoline station.

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Navy Will "Fight" Fleets at Panama

Great Maneuvers Planned Include Army; 18 Planes to Fly to Canal.

Visit of the scouting fleet and control force of the Navy to South American ports, their maneuvers with the battle fleet and the Army in the Pacific and Panama, and flight of eight naval planes from Hampton Roads, Va., to Panama is included in a six months' schedule of operations for these groups announced by the Navy Department yesterday.

The 70 vessels of the scouting fleet and control force will leave Atlantic Coast home ports the first week in January for four months' intensive training, the various divisions concentrating in Hampton Roads before leaving for southern waters. Tactical exercises will be held en route to the Canal Zone.

Tunney and His Wife Visit Paris in Secret

Paris, Dec. 2 (U.P.).—Gene Tunney and his wife arrived here secretly and are staying at the Hotel Georges V, the United Press learned today. They plan to remain for several days and have no intention of returning to the United States immediately.

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LEADVILLE RAIDERS CALLED IN DRY OUT

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Police Captain of Once
Lurid Camp Cited.

RIDER WARNS OF RAIDERS

Leadville, Colo., Dec. 2 (A.P.).—Leadville's entire city council, its sheriff, city attorney and night police captain were under summons today to appear Tuesday before a Federal grand jury, as the aftermath of a sweeping investigation of liquor conditions. Eighteen persons in all have been subpoenaed by the United States marshal.

Federal operatives investigated charges that this once rich mining camp, famous for its ores and high altitude, still was housing rooms of old-time bars along Harrison avenue, its principal thoroughfare. Owners of several alleged saloons whom Federal authorities believe can give information of a thriving liquor business are among those called to appear before the grand jury at Pueblo.

Several raids have been conducted here in the last year or two. On the last occasion, when dry agents were reported to be in the city, some citizens galloped horseback down Harrison avenue, "doing a Paul Revere," to tell the "Feds" the "Feds are coming." The officers found the town closed up.

When Colorado went dry in 1916, Leadville had a population of 10,000, and 63 saloons. Dry agents claim that the rare mahogany bars, risque paintings and tables in at least a half dozen of these, never made a kindling wood, but merely stood idle for a time until they were taken over in soft drink parlors.

Federal agents claim that some of the alleged present-day bars in Leadville open at 5:30 a. m., and do not close at night as long as a customer remains.

Under the State law, in effect before prohibition became effective, saloons were prevented from opening before 7 a. m. Leadville voted heavily against prohibition.

'Louis De Bourbon,' Held In Athens, Has U.S. Papers

Athens, Greece, Dec. 2 (A.P.).—The police of this city have arrested a man traveling with an American passport who calls himself Don Luis de Bourbon, brother of the King of Spain, but who is really a Greek, Constantine Gikyris by name, who has lived in America.

The man, who claims also to be a representative of various American banks interested in Greek loans, had in his possession autographs and photographs of various royal personages. He will be expelled.

GRAND JURY SEEKS ROTHSTEIN PAPERS

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game, owing hundreds of thousands, but carrying all the cash in his pocket. Tomorrow, "Nigger Nate" Raymond, who languished in jail for a time, because he was unable to furnish \$100,000 bail, will probably be released in \$100,000 bond. He finally "opened up" and provided Banton with certain facts.

That will leave only Sidney Stajer—Rothstein's close friend—and George McManus, held on a first degree murder charge, still in prison. Banton is likewise hoping that Stajer will talk. But he has given up all hope in the case of McManus.

15 Hurt by Bomb in Australia.

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 2 (A.P.).—Fifteen persons were injured when a bomb exploded at the Greek Club here last night.

Police arrested five suspects and announced that they hoped soon to detain other bombers believed responsible for recent outrages in connection with the labor shipping troubles.

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Leaders of the Legitimist Party of Hungary are seeking to restore Archduke Otto (above), son of former Empress Zita, to the throne. Otto was 16 years old on November 20.

Renewal of Faith in Santa Sought to Save Girl of 7

Christmas Eagerly Awaited to Prove Generous Saint Is
Real, for Tillie Oakley Is Failing Fast Since Play-
mate Told Her He Was Not.

Paris, Ky., Dec. 2 (N.Y.W.S.).—All persons in Kentucky who know there is a Santa Claus are watching the condition of Tillie, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Oakley, tenants on a farm near here. For Tillie is seriously ill, and all because a child a few years older has indicated upon Tillie the most mortal hurt that can be given to believers in Kris Kringle.

The older child was playing with Tillie and suddenly made the earth crash for the little girl by asserting emphatically that there is no Santa Claus. Tillie ran screaming to her mother and sobbed out the direful message.

The mother tried to comfort her small daughter, but Tillie became ill. She wept until too weak to cry aloud, and then she sobbed until it seemed she could not recuperate. She refused all nourishment, declined to be comforted when her parents and children in the

Promotion Is Held Big Army Problem

Davis, in Annual Report,
Cites Depletion of Units
to Aid Air Corps.

Two serious problems—the depletion of personnel in other units of the Army to provide men for the Air Corps, and the promotion of officers—now face the Army, Secretary of War Davis announces in his annual report.

During the past year it was necessary to reduce nearly all branches of the Army in order to provide the 1,248 noncommissioned officers and privates who were to form the first increment of the augmented Air Corps, the report said, and another such reduction is anticipated, although the War Department looks with certain facts upon any further lessening in the force's strength.

Declaring that a protracted delay in the settlement of the promotion question will result in numerous resignations among the officers, the Secretary of War said that it is the duty of the Government to it is but just that officers who have foregone the manifest financial and other advantages of a civil career be assured of reasonable reward. Certainty of promotion after definite terms of service appears to be the most just reward.

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BYRD, 50, OFF FOR ANTARCTIC

Advance Party Sails From
New Zealand to Plant
Camp on Ice Barrier.

FACE PERILOUS VOYAGE

Wellington, New Zealand, Dec. 2 (A.P.).—Commander Richard E. Byrd and an advance party of 50 left Dunedin for the Antarctic coast today to plant a supply ship Eleanor Bolling, which had in tow another supply ship. The party will establish a base in the Bay of Whales and remain there while the Eleanor Bolling returns to Dunedin for the remainder of the personnel and equipment.

The happiest man in these parts today probably is Dr. Vaclov Voutech, a young Czechoslovakian geologist, whose original application to join the expedition was refused. Voutech was so keen for the trip, however, that he journeyed to Wellington, arriving soon after Commander Byrd. He renewed his plea and now has been given a place on the Eleanor Bolling when she makes her next trip south.

Must Sail 2,000 Miles.

New York, Dec. 2 (A.P.).—Nearly 2,000 miles of ocean lie between Commander Richard E. Byrd and his immediate objective, the Ross Sea ice barrier of the Antarctic continent.

As the stout little "ice" ship of New York and the freighter Eleanor Bolling cast off from their Dunedin wharf and pointed southward, they faced a voyage that is among the most difficult on the globe.

For few human qualities they should have comparatively easy sailing toward the glacial south polar continent, which now is enjoying its poor apology for summer. But sooner or later the expedition ships will bump into the ice pack, that shifting blanket which surrounds the sea for distances of the shores of Antarctica.

The ice, more or less broken up at this time of the year, is a formidable obstacle in the path of the expedition, but the ships of other expeditions, such as those of Amundsen and Scott, have plowed through it. Byrd's men know that they can find the way, too.

In the Antarctic Ocean are the world's largest bergs. In general, these south polar bergs do not assume the familiar shapes of their Arctic relatives; rather, they are the form of huge tables—long, broad and flat topped. They are truly tremendous.

Her Sunday school teacher and her class of pupils hurried to see Tillie and they sang Christmas and Santa Claus. But little Tillie continues to grow weaker and sobs.

The neighborhood, grown-ups and children, are calling daily with the pledge that there is a real Santa Claus, and the only hope now is that she can be kept alive until Christmas morning, when she will see Santa Claus. Messages have been coming from a wide territory asking for her condition and assuring her Santa Claus is real.

Girls' Schools Aid Red Cross Drive

Pupils of Six Institutions
Give \$1,030; Churches
Contribute to Fund.

Encouraging reports have come from the private schools for girls in this city who are contributing generously to the twelfth annual roll call of the District Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Yesterday reports came as follows: National Cathedral School, \$1,030; Mount Vernon Seminary, \$140; Trinity College, \$100; Sidwell Friends' School, \$100; and St. Ann's School, \$100. This makes a total of \$1,030 received from the girls' private schools to date.

Churches have contributed as follows: Calvary Baptist Church, \$58; Church of the Covenant, \$143; New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, \$52; Eastern Presbyterian Church, \$22; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, \$22; St. Mark's Lutheran Church, \$20; St. Margaret's Church, \$24; First Congregational Church, \$64; and Church of Our Father, \$52.

Bulgar King Given Increase of Salary

With \$43,000 Income,
Boris May Think Seriously
of Getting Married.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 2 (A.P.).—King Boris, who is the lowest-salaried monarch in the world, today received a 50 per cent increase in his allowance, bringing it to 6,000,000 leva, or about \$43,000 a year. This is the third increase which the ruler has received in the last ten years, showing that the Bulgarian people are well satisfied with his services.

Despite the latest increase, however, Boris is a relatively poor sovereign. Zog, the King of the Albanians, for example, receives six times what Boris gets, and the boy King Michael of Roumania receives ten times the stipend of Boris. His friends declare he has had so little money that he could not even think of getting married. He has no personal fortune.

LACK OF LAW BALKS DRIVE ON GAMBLING

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To arrest and charge persons with this offense he doesn't need a warrant, and, in addition to that, there is less likelihood of a strenuous fight being made to defend the charge.

After Capt. Burlingame's pickets had better known gambling den in his neighborhood—and, incidentally, it was in his precinct that virtually all of the picketed establishments were located—"Burlie," as he is known in the rough-and-tumble police circles, moved against places to which he believed the den had transferred their operations.

Scores of persons were arrested in his precinct daily and charged with disorderly conduct, and 90 per cent of these charged forfeited their collateral in Police Court.

"All we can do is keep them jumping," Capt. Burlingame says.

But it is what he proposes to do, just as he has done in the past. "We have broken up dozens of places. But they move on, and then it takes us a while to discover their new location," according to the captain, "but we are making it uncomfortable for them and unless we can get more stringent laws, this is the only thing we can do."

SPECIAL NOTICES

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Alleged Bean Shooter Of 42 Seized by Police

Bean-shooting may be only an innocent pastime when the shooter is a child, but when he is 42 years old it comes under the charge of disorderly conduct.

At least, this is the way police of the Second Precinct look upon the pranks which they allege Edgar R. Jones, of 3021 Cambridge place northwest, performed yesterday. Jones, according to the police, armed himself with a bean-shooter, and standing on a street corner proceeded to take "pot shots" at passersby. Policeman J. H. Hunt arrested him, confiscated his shooter and charged him with disorderly conduct.

SABBATH HERE LAX, REFORM BOSS TO LO

Evil Influence World-Wide,
Dr. Martin Asserts at
Pittsburgh Session.

BLUE LAW BILL IS URGED

Pittsburgh, Dec. 2 (A.P.).—There are few places in America "where there is so little regard shown the Sabbath as in this city," Dr. R. H. Martin, of Pittsburgh, president of the National Reform Association, declared in an address here today.

"The influence of this Sabbath desecration is Nation-wide, even world-wide," he contended.

Speaking at the sixty-fifth annual conference of the association, Dr. Martin said Sunday was the "big day for the commercialized amusement interests of the Capital," that "many stores are open," and "much unnecessary labor and business are carried on this day."

The District of Columbia, he continued, has no Sunday laws, such as have all the States, "to protect the people and their right to rest, and if we desire to do so, we worship God."

As a result, he said, "selfish commercialized interests have crowded in upon the day."

The minister said the responsibility did not rest upon the people of Washington because "Congress enacts the laws for the people of the District, and therefore the responsibility rests upon Congress and ultimately upon the Christian people of the 48 States from which the members of Congress come."

Regarding the Sunday laws of the States, Dr. Martin declared they were weak in some States, but reasonably strong in others. He said it would be a surprise to many to know that there are 83,000,000 persons living in the United States in States that prohibit work on Sunday.

He advocated enactment of the Landford Sunday rest bill for the District of Columbia.

The Rev. William Parsons, of Pittsburgh, in the conference "keynote" address, said it was the aim of the association to obtain reasonable Sabbath laws in every State and the District of Columbia. He said rigid enforcement of the prohibition laws was airplanes and the use of the Bible in public schools advocated. The conference will last three days.

Driver Held as Drunk After He Strikes Statue

Lawrence M. Callahan, 32 years old, of Indianapolis, can't square the circle and, according to police, he proved it last night at Iowa Circle. Callahan used his best efforts to straighten out the line around the statue of Gen. Logan, which is the center of the circle, but Policeman M. A. Ramey, of the Second Precinct, declares that after striking the statue with his car, he was so drunk that he could not negotiate the circle.

Ramey's belief was confirmed, he said, when he saw the driver, who was driving around the circle a number of times, butted into the dignified statue of Gen. Logan. Then Ramey charged Callahan with driving while drunk.

Traffic Record Set In Panama Canal

High Marks Are Pegged Up
for Sizes of Ships and
Amounts of Tolls.

The fiscal year's commercial traffic through the Panama Canal was the largest in its history, according to War Department statistics, made public yesterday. There were 6,456 ton units, with a net tonnage of 29,488,654, tons on which \$26,944,499.77 was paid.

The longest commercial vessel passing through the canal was the Empress of Scotland, 678 feet long, the widest, the Malolo, 83.2 feet; the deepest draft the Lebor and Marore, 35 feet 6 inches. The Empress of Scotland also paid a record toll of \$2,721.95.

Among the naval vessels the United States naval aircraft carrier Saratoga, with a length of 888 feet and a beam of 107.9 feet, holds the transit record. The Colorado, with 33 feet 1 inch, holds the draft record. The British battleship Hood, 44,799 tons, holds the displacement record and paid the record toll of \$22,399.50.

A large crowd, attracted by the crash, recognized the "Tiger" as he stepped from his cab. He insisted that today by bad weather conditions while attempting a nonstop flight from Key West to Jacksonville.

Clemenceau Escapes Hurts in Cab Crash

Paris, Dec. 2 (U.P.).—Georges Clemenceau, war-time premier of France, narrowly escaped injury today when his taxicab, driven by a speedy chauffeur, collided with another and equally speedy driver's cab. The cabs were badly damaged.

A large crowd, attracted by the crash, recognized the "Tiger" as he stepped from his cab. He insisted that today by bad weather conditions while attempting a nonstop flight from Key West to Jacksonville.

He was standing on the sidewalk by a machine that ran up on the curb in an effort to avoid colliding with another automobile, police reported. She was taken to Casualty Hospital and treated by Dr. W. H. Peacock for fractured "broken arm" and internal injuries.

Louis Loh, 62 years old, 1420 E street northeast, said by police to have been driving the machine that struck the woman, was not arrested, as the incident was held to have been unavoidable.

Bad Weather Stops Lieut. Flo. Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 2 (A.P.).—Lieut. Leonard S. Flo, Ann Arbor, Mich., was forced down near Daytona Beach today by bad weather conditions while attempting a nonstop flight from Key West to Jacksonville.

He was standing on the sidewalk by a machine that ran up on the curb in an effort to avoid colliding with another automobile, police reported. She was taken to Casualty Hospital and treated by Dr. W. H. Peacock for fractured "broken arm" and internal injuries.

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LIEUT. G. M. MAYERS, OUT FOR MAX, DIES

Navy Doctor, Retired, Victim
of Heart Attack at G and
Fourteenth Streets.

WAS ROOSEVELT'S FRIEND

Lieut. George Marshall Mayers, U. S. N., retired, a former member of the Medical Corps, who accompanied President Theodore Roosevelt on his cruise around the world, died early yesterday evening while walking on G street near Fourteenth street northwest.

He was pronounced dead by Dr. Leon M. Gordon, of the Emergency Hospital, who was summoned by a traffic policeman on duty at the intersection. Death was believed to have been caused by heart disease.

Lieut. Mayers, who was 51 years old and resided at the McAustin Hotel, 1927 G street northwest, had been in frail health for a number of years, having been retired from the Navy because of physical disabilities, but his death was unexpected.

He was a native of Fairmont, W. Va., but had made Washington his home since his retirement. He served for some time as medical examiner of the Navy at Baltimore. He is survived by two brothers, Charles H. Mayers, of 7405 Alaska avenue northwest, and D. L. Mayers, who resided with him at the McAustin Hotel. Funeral arrangements have not been completed, but the Navy Department was notified of his death last night, and interment probably will be in Arlington.

W. J. Heider Dies After Long Illness

Retired Merchant, 64, Was
Building Group Director;
Services Wednesday.

William J. Heider, retired commission merchant of the District, died yesterday morning after an illness of a year at his home, 2945 O street northwest. He was 64 years old.

Mr. Heider was born in Prince Georges County, Md. Coming to the District when he was a young man, he purchased a farm where he lived until 1904, when he moved to 2945 O street northwest. He had been in the wholesale commission business and went into partnership with L. Charles Heilmuller, retiring ten years ago.

He was a director of the Metropolitan Building Association, and the German Orphan Asylum. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Anna Heider; two sons, W. Heider and George C. Heider, and three daughters, Mrs. M. H. Hull and Miss Anna E. Heider, both of this city, and Mrs. William Heider, of Iowa. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence. Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

S. S. Ashbaugh Dies of Paralysis

Well-Known Shakespearean
Collector Also Lectured;
Funeral Tomorrow.

Samuel S. Ashbaugh, possessor of one of the largest Shakespeare collections in this country, died yesterday at his home, 2957 Newark street northwest, after an illness of more than a year. He was 63 years old.

Mr. Ashbaugh possessed two original Shakespeare manuscripts, in addition to an extensive library of books frequently consulted by those making studies of the life of the Bard of Avon and was widely known as a lecturer.

He came to this city in 1907 as an assistant attorney in the Department of Justice. He served in that capacity until the Wilson administration, when he engaged in private practice. Funeral services will be held at his home tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Burial will be at Hillside, Mich. He is survived by a son, Murray M. Ashbaugh.

Thomas M. Alexander, Former Post Man, Dies

New York, Dec. 2 (A.P.).—Thomas M. Alexander, newspaper man, who was a member of the editorial staff of the United States food and fuel administration during the war, died last night at White Plains, N. Y., after an illness of more than a year. He was 53 years old.

Born in Borden Springs, Ala., Mr. Alexander served on the editorial staff of the Birmingham Age-Herald, Atlanta Constitution and The Washington Post before coming to New York. He joined the staff of the New York American in 1907, was a correspondent during the Spanish-American War and was a member of the staffs of other New York newspapers.

HOOPER OFF TO PERU AFTER BIG OVATION

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land's crew. Many gifts were made to the President-elect and Mrs. Hoover, including an army order signed by Simon Bolivar, the Liberator. Hoover highly praised the gift, which is one of the few such orders preserved.

After an inspection of the battleship and a close conference with Hoover, which was understood to be in regard to a proposal for floating a \$6,000,000 loan in the United States for internal improvements, the Ecuadorian officials left the battleship.

Gifts to Mrs. Hoover.

The President-elect and Mrs. Hoover spent the night at the beautiful military palace at Guayaquil after a great welcome. Several boxes of gifts, including Spanish and English, were presented to Mrs. Hoover by Ecuadorian officials.

At dawn today the capital was still crowded with the memory of the President-elect in chivalrous Latin fashion. The ball at the Union Club was still in progress, and a crowd of natives poured out their enthusiasm to Hoover. Shortly after midnight Mr. and Mrs. Hoover and Allan Hoover visited the ball. Allan danced a few times before they left to get some rest after the strenuous day.

An atmosphere of generous cordiality prevailed throughout the capital and in the morning the natives of the Hoover party were invited to dine by friendly strangers at cafes and restaurants.

The carnival spirit was supreme, but there was no sign of disorder. The waterfront scene when Hoover arrived was a strong in the memory of the natives, and the official reception merely added to the celebrations.

"Long Live Hoover."

President Ayora and Hoover talked in companionable fashion, with the Ecuadorian executive addressing Hoover in Spanish and English. Mrs. Hoover and Mrs. Ayora also conversed.

Familiar strains of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and loud cheers followed Hoover wherever he went, and a curious crowd, eager to see the first United States President-elect to visit their country, swarmed around him.

At one time, after Mr. and Mrs. Hoover had reviewed the parade of military, firemen and school children from the balcony at military headquarters, the cheering of the crowd was so prolonged that Ambassador Fletcher spoke to the natives in behalf of the President-elect.

"Mr. Hoover has been deeply impressed by the kind reception in Ecuador," Fletcher said, "Long live Ecuador!"

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BUSINESS OF CONGRESS.

The session of Congress beginning today will round out the Coolidge administration and provide an opportunity for estimating the conditions that will test the Hoover administration at its outset. What this session does or leaves undone will determine to some extent what Mr. Hoover will undertake to do.

No doubt President Coolidge is holding in abeyance all decisions on new questions that will extend into the next administration and which should be left open for the decision of the next President, at a time when judgment can be based on later information. On all pending matters, however, it is to be expected that Mr. Coolidge will press for action. His message tomorrow will doubtless give a clear indication of the proposals upon which he will recommend action by Congress. They are known to include farm relief, naval construction, continuation of the flood control and public building projects, and avoidance of extraordinary appropriations that can await future legislation. The budget is barely balanced, and it is not to be expected that Mr. Coolidge would favor any legislation that would bring his administration to an end with a deficit in the Treasury.

Approval of the Kellogg treaty by the Senate is of course one of the chief desires of the outgoing administration.

Aside from presidential recommendations and routine appropriations, the House will have before it the demand of a strong minority for reapportionment of the membership. In justice to the States a reapportionment bill should be passed. The electoral vote for President and Vice President, as well as the vote of the States in Congress, is distorted by the failure of Congress to distribute House membership according to population. The patience of States entitled to larger membership in the House should no longer be abused.

Congress can enact a farm relief bill such as was championed by the Republican party in the campaign, without waiting for revision of the agricultural schedules of the tariff. If a Federal Farm Board is to be set up with money and authority sufficient to bring about a system of stabilization of farm marketing, it should be set up as soon as possible, in order that the next crop may receive the benefit. Tariff revision in behalf of agriculture should not be attempted separately from general tariff revision, because of the danger of working injustice to other industries while attempting to help agriculture. The tariff system should be revised as a whole when it is revised at all. Agriculture ought to have better tariff protection, but so should other industries. They can all afford to wait for general tariff revision for the sake of obtaining a protective system that will be beneficial and equitable to all. No single industry sees the whole problem or concerns itself with the hardships of other industries. The public revenue is affected by tariff revision, and thus questions of internal taxation would arise if the tariff were not properly revised. This complex problem deserves the concentrated attention of Congress at an extra session. Therefore no special tariff legislation should be enacted this winter.

SUGAR CANE RECOVERY.

Dr. E. W. Brandes, of the Department of Agriculture, is returning from New Guinea with 167 varieties of sugar cane, which will be tested at various field stations in the Southern States. In these experiments he hopes of thousands for permanent rehabilitation of the Louisiana sugar industry. It is another instance where research and scientific selection has been applied to solution of an agricultural problem.

During the year 1912 the cane sugar industry was threatened by a mosaic disease which had lain dormant in canes brought from

the Orient. Fields scattered through Louisiana, Georgia and Porto Rico were infected. By 1926 the disease had assumed serious proportions. Together with a reduction in the tariff and unfavorable weather it caused sugar production to fall from 300,000 tons reaped from 226,366 acres in 1921, to 47,000 tons from 128,000 acres in 1926. Planters feared that the industry was doomed.

Through cooperation of the American Sugar Cane League and the Department of Agriculture Dr. Brandes searched out a new variety of canes in Java in 1920 and 1921. Two years later he imported to this country for experimental purposes other resistant varieties from Formosa, the Philippines, Dutch East Indies and southeastern China. They were successfully grown on a Louisiana plantation, and the following year the new seed cane was distributed throughout the State. In 1927 20,000 acres were grown, and in 1928, 135,000 acres. Production jumped in one year from 47,000 tons grown with the old canes on 128,000 acres to 78,000 tons grown from the new varieties on 84,000 acres. Tonnage per acre has already been doubled. It is hoped that total rehabilitation of the sugar industry in Louisiana and the sirup industry of other Southern States will be effected by the new seed cane now being brought to this country. It will mean the saving of an industry that should yield upward of \$40,000,000 annually.

THE MERCHANT MARINE.

The twelfth annual report of the United States Shipping Board, for the fiscal year ended June 30, last, is made public this morning. One thing, it says, is certain—the American shipping industry can not stand still. If it does not keep abreast of the times it will be forced into a subordinate position by the activities of its foreign competitors. The number of ships being built at the present time in foreign yards, says the report, indicates that in the matter of new construction the United States is rapidly being outdistanced by some of the other maritime nations, the latest figures showing that for every ocean-going ship the United States builds, Great Britain is building 50; Germany 10, France and Italy each 5, and Japan 4.

The Shipping Board report recalls the conference of private American steamship owners, operators and builders, called in January, 1928, in order to ascertain their views and on the basis thereof formulate a series of recommendations to Congress. Resolutions adopted by the conference pointed out that "the overseas merchant fleet is being rendered obsolete by the rapid march of science and invention, which has completely revolutionized the manner of vessel propulsion since the American ships were built." The resolutions called upon Congress for prompt constructive action looking toward reconditioning some of the present fleet and providing inducements having in view its early transfer to private ownership under conditions assuring continuance of operation. As a result of the conference Congress passed the merchant marine act of 1928, popularly known as the Jones-White bill, which the report characterizes as "the outstanding event of the year so far as the American Merchant Marine was concerned and one of the most important legislative measures ever passed by Congress in the interest of American shipping."

It remains to be seen, says the report, how effective the act will be in stimulating activity in American shipyards. Since the report was written, however, there have been indications that it will fulfill admirably the purposes for which it was intended.

The Shipping Board suggests that enactment of the code of navigation laws codified by its legal department should no longer be delayed; that changes should be made in existing law relating to the disposition of damages in cases of collision at sea; that a loan bill should be enacted prior to the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, that provision should be made for tax exemption on American vessels operating in foreign trade; that legislation should be enacted looking to the transfer to privately owned American shipping interests of the peace-time business now handled by Army and Navy transports; that funds should be provided to carry into effect the act providing for the creation of a naval reserve; and that Congress might well give further consideration to the question of marine insurance, to the end that there may be established an insurance system which will place American vessels on an equality with foreign vessels in this important respect. These recommendations and suggestions should command the attention of the public and Congress.

TO MAKE MERGERS EASY.

Consolidation of railroad systems is one of the problems needing the attention of Congress. There is on the calendar of the House the Parker bill, which would allow railroads to effect consolidations through submitting plans to and gaining the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission. A similar bill introduced by Senator Fess is still in committee. Extensive hearings on the House bill were completed last winter, and hearings on the Senate bill are expected to be finished at the session now beginning.

The difficult task of working out a general merger plan for railroads of the United States was placed on the Interstate Commerce Commission by the transportation act of 1920. Apparently the commission has not been successful in formulating a plan that meets with approval of the carriers, for the work has never been completed. A tentative merger program was drafted for the commission in 1921 by Prof. W. Z. Ripley, of Harvard. The commission has petitioned Congress in its last two annual reports to relieve it of the responsibility of working out a general merger scheme, and it is expected that the plea will be repeated in this year's report.

It is hopeless to try to force railroads or any other business concerns into economical combinations. Ideal plans can be worked out on paper for the linking up of great rail systems, but these plans can not take into consideration personal equations. It is extremely difficult for railroad executives to fit their schemes for consolidation into an ideal plan worked out by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Realizing this situation, the commission has indicated its wish to pass on plans submitted by the railroads rather than attempt to impose its own plans upon them. But action of Congress is necessary to reverse the previous plan of procedure, and in the meantime the consolidation program throughout the Nation is at a standstill. The railroads need action. They are faced with increasing competition and must cut down their overhead expenses

and bolster up the efficiency of their shipping service. The first nine months of this year saw a decrease of \$124,000,000 in gross railway revenues. These facts will stimulate railroad executives to greater endeavor to reach merger agreements in the interests of their stockholders and patrons. But first the way must be cleared by Congress.

A RUSSIAN BURBANK.

"We live in an epoch when the distance from the maddest vagaries to the most matter-of-fact realities is being diminished with incredible speed," wrote Maxim Gorky, when the work of two famous scientists was brought to his attention. The progress he refers to is not in aviation, or radio, or motor transportation, but in the field of agricultural and horticultural experimentation.

Russia, the land of political upheavals, has produced a scientist who is working out a novel kind of revolution which may prove of far greater significance to the impoverished peasants of that land than all the political ebullience since 1917. This so-called miracle worker is Ivan Michurin, who, the Russians claim, is a more marvelous truck-garden hybridizer than America's famous Luther Burbank. During the years that the country has been in turmoil, Michurin has been working quietly but effectively to transplant the gardens of southern Russia in the northern areas. He is credited with having evolved more than 100 varieties of fruit-bearing trees. These include a new variety of pears that ripen just before Christmas in cellars and keep firm until April; also a more hardy variety of apricot trees, several different kinds of grapes, almond trees, mulberry trees, rice, quinces, &c. He has worked in the stern climate of central Russia, breeding new varieties of plants adapted to cultivation in the most rigorous environment.

Ivan Michurin has a life story that compares in many respects with that of Burbank. Both were born in poverty, and by endless effort made great contributions to the respective social groups of which they were a part. While Burbank worked in the benign climate of California, Michurin made his experiments in more severe regions. It is said of Luther Burbank that he added greatly to the luxuries of the American table. It has been the whole life of Michurin to make the products of nature more available to the poverty-stricken inhabitants of Russia. He has introduced plants and fruits into northern Russia where they were never known before. He has taught the inexperienced peasant orchardist how to obtain substantial crops where none could be grown before.

Russians are confident that the work of their most famous horticultural scientist will in time enrich the products of the entire temperate zone. He is accomplishing what no political leader could do for the starving thousands under the Soviet regime. The world will always welcome such men and is glad to do them honor.

DRONES IN COLLEGES.

American college faculties are perplexed by the problem created by the ever-increasing number of students who have little inclination to serious study, but wish merely to browse about in college atmosphere. There has been a tendency in some universities to weed out this type of student, but such efforts have proved unsuccessful. At present it seems that many of the larger institutions are giving less attention to putting up the bars against these students than to making adjustments which will give them a proper place in college life.

Thousands of students now attend institutions of higher learning in this country for personal or social reasons. They have no definite objective in mind, no profession to qualify for, and no particular interest in research for the advancement of learning. They just wish to absorb university culture and enjoy social advantages offered by large student bodies, without bothering much about learning. Inasmuch as the faculties recognize that culture is an advantage to a young man or woman, they can hardly consistently turn this type of student away. And yet this social element can not be allowed to interfere with the more serious business of education.

Perhaps the ideal solution would be separate institutions for those who wish to browse in atmosphere and those interested in an education. But that is impractical, at least for the present. Dean Frederick J. E. Woodbridge, of Columbia University, suggests in his annual report to President Butler that the serious and the social elements be segregated.

Finding that two-thirds of the graduate students at Columbia never fulfill the requirements for degrees, Dean Woodbridge recommends that the faculty find out the reason why. He suggests that two things be carefully studied in this respect. "The first," he says, "is the early selection among those who come, of the students who are prepared to enter upon advanced instruction and research and who have real scholarly and scientific ambition; the segregation of those who come here to work and those who come here to breathe. The second is the safeguarding of the precious time which the faculties should be giving to research."

These suggestions seem to have a sound basis. One of the most important functions of the present-day university is research for the extension of knowledge. Courses which offer research activity have no place for the man who goes to college for his personal enjoyment and the casual extension of his mental horizon. He is a detriment to both faculty and serious-minded students. Yet this young man who is satisfied with the learning made possible by others should not be denied a liberal education. The problem is one which is engaging the attention of the country's leading educators. From investigations thus far, one thing seems to be certain: Those students who go to college for social distinction and association should not be allowed to become a drag on students earnestly interested in research and advanced learning. Beyond that is a whole field of practical problems that must be solved.

"How much is he worth?" people ask. But a more intelligent question would be: "How much is he worth without his money?"

The South is split, but it remains to be seen whether it will use the word "Yankee" without the prefix.

There's only one place in the hereafter where traffic requires the assistance of cops.



Amateur Night.

—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make It Semiofficial.

To the Editor of The Post—Sir: If, as you say, the State Department has been placed in a predicament by the question of President Trigenoy, of Argentina, as to whether Mr. Hoover's visit is official or unofficial, and if, as you further assert, answering this question either way may entail serious inconvenience to the State Department, to Mr. Hoover or to some one else, it appears to me there is a very efficient means of extrication. That is by the simple expedient of stating the visit is semiofficial.

Under that embracing term much may be hidden. We have semiofficial spokesmen, semiofficial reports, semiofficial hearings, semiofficial agencies, semiofficial representatives. Why not semiofficial visits? Mr. Hoover would neither be traveling as President-elect nor as Mr. Hoover, but as something half way between. As to exactly what I am unable to state.

While on the subject of the State Department, I would like to say something about your frequent references to careerism. You should stop your patronizing editorials regarding them. If the Government wants men who know how to hold a cup of tea properly, that is not the men's fault. Besides, I have known careerism who could not hold a cup of tea properly. But all of them, to the best of my knowledge, are fairly intelligent.

ROBERT MACHATTON.
Somerset, Md., Nov. 30.

Mr. Coolidge's Impersonal Attitude.

To the Editor of The Post—Sir: There are three branches of the Government of the United States—the legislative branch, the judicial branch, and President Coolidge. The meaning I want to convey is that President Coolidge, as the executive head of the Federal Government, functions as a wholly impersonal force. I do not think that we ever had a President of the United States who has outbraded his personality less into his executive functions than President Coolidge has done. He never descends into the arena of personalities. As a family man, a friend, a neighbor, he is probably a good deal like the rest of us; but, as Chief Executive Officer of the United States, he seems to have made it his desire and study to function with the impersonality of a state paper, document, or budget.

As a result of this attitude of President Coolidge toward his presidential office, he is probably as little known as any President we have ever had. We know him only by his state papers and by his acts in office. To his enduring credit be it said, that, if he has been somewhat lacking in a sense of those forces and conditions that minister to the true welfare and happiness of a people, he has been faithful to all the ordinary duties of his exalted office, and retires with the esteem, affection, and praise of his countrymen.

A strong sense of duty, and a tender, New England conscience have animated President Coolidge in the administration of his office. He evi-

A Rose and a God Remain as They Are, Whatever Name They Are Given.

By ROBERT QUILLEN

MEN fight because they do not understand one another. They hold the same ideas, and yet go to war because they use different words to express the ideas. They fight in defense of words when they think they are fighting in defense of principles.

Consider, for example, the religions of men and the blood shed to defend and establish them.

One of the early missionaries, describing the queer "superstition" of the Indians, said: "They believe in a Great Father who rules the earth, and in spirits good and evil that contend for the soul of men."

To the missionary, whose mind was tricked by the apparent sacredness of words, that seemed a queer superstition; and yet in every essential detail it agreed with his own beliefs.

He, also, believed in a Great Father. He, also, believed in a spirit of good—a Holy Spirit sent to comfort and inspire men—and a spirit of evil—the Devil himself—who tempted men and had as his reward the souls of those who fell.

Suppose there is one God, and one only. Is that fact changed by invention of words? Different races in different ages, possessed of different degrees of intelligence, have endeavored to understand their God—to picture Him and to endow Him with all virtues within their comprehension—and no two races have envisioned Him in the same way.

But a fact is not changed by man's inability to comprehend it. To one man the moon seems no larger than a dollar; to another it seems as large as a wagon wheel. But the difference in their eyesight does not affect the actual size of the moon.

If there is but one God, it is foolish to say men worship different gods because they differ in their conception of deity.

One race uses the word "Jehovah" and another might use the word "Thorso"; but what of it? They use different words to designate a chair, a house, a sword. Are men speaking of different suns because one says "sun" and another "sol"?

The truth is, each race envisions God in accordance with its own limitations and worships Him as directed by its own conscience, but the fact of God remains unchanged.

All who worship God must worship the same God if there is but one. Men don't hate an alien because he uses a strange word to designate "music," nor because he conceives of music as a combination of sounds that seems harsh to them.

Why hate him, then, if he gives another name to the one God and has a different conception of God's nature because his own nature is different?

Heavily regards the presidential office as an impersonal, state function rather than a personal charge of incumbency. He regards himself as the mouthpiece or organ through which the body of the citizenry functions, rather than as a monarch imposing his will upon the people. He has done his best to function as the people's conscience. Any failures on his part to achieve this end must be attributed to lack of insight and ability, and not to lack of will.

CHARLES HOOPER.
Coer d'Alene, Idaho, Nov. 27.

Helium for Dirigibles.

To the Editor of The Post—Sir: Commenting on the editorial in The Post of Friday, November 30, under the heading, "Helium for Dirigibles."

The use of helium in airships certainly does give this country a distinct advantage from the standpoint of national defense, and since, as you say, "helium gas is a natural resource apparently peculiar to this country," and because even here we have no inexhaustible supply, its conservation is imperative in the interests of national welfare.

The operation of the Navy airships, Shenandoah and Los Angeles has in-

PRESS COMMENT

Ready to Go.
Boston Transcript: Mr. Hoover isn't at the wheel yet, but anyhow he has his license to drive.

Sad But True.
Cincinnati Enquirer: The work basket now is usually where father left it the last time he sewed on a button.

Spurious?
Portland Oregonian: It is getting so that if you have never met a word in a cross-word puzzle you begin to suspect it is spurious.

Modern Hardihood.
Indianapolis Star: Our pioneer ancestors endured a lot of hardships, but they never had to sit in a cold rain to watch a football game.

Turn About.
Louisville Times: Almost any time now we may expect to see the restaurants replete by putting in a line of drugs and toilet articles.

More in Demand.
Minneapolis Journal: Chicago cast more votes for coroner than for President. There is real public interest in a man who may yet sit on you.

Silence and Sound.
Houston Post Dispatch: A producer tells us that the movie of the future will be a combination of silence and sound. We know what that is—a man carrying on an argument with his wife.

Santa Is Safe.
Topeka Capital: Candidates for Cabinet places who hopefully hang up their stockings this Christmas are liable to face a terrible disappointment, seeing that at that date Santa Claus will still be in South America.

A Timely Tip.
New Orleans Times-Picayune: Here is a little fact worth remembering. Undoubtedly there are many among our readers who this year will be sending mail matter to friends in other lands, and who to add a note of cheer and seasonal spirit will wish to place on their communications those ornamental stamps and labels that are on sale, especially at this time of year, to raise charity funds. Well, in doing this, be careful not to place any of these nonpostage stamps on the face of the letter if you do, under the international postal rulings, the communications will not be sent out of the country. Instead, if the letter or package has a return address it will be sent back to the sender, but if there is no such identification the communication will be transmitted to the dead letter office ultimately to be opened and dealt with in the customary fashion. Place the emblem and labels on the reverse of the letter and all will be well. The reason for the ruling is obvious enough, for it is not to be hoped that in all lands and at all postoffices postal officials unfamiliar with our language and customs will be able to distinguish true postage stamps from mere stickers, and there would be confusion if both were allowed.

CAPITAL SOCIETY EVENTS

The Chief Justice and Mrs. William Howard Taft were the guests in whose honor the Minister of Panama and Senora de Alfaro entertained at luncheon yesterday. The guests included the Ambassador of Cuba and Senora de Ferrera, the Minister of Uruguay and Mrs. Varela, the Minister of Ecuador and Mrs. Zaldumbide, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Henry T. Allen, the chief of Engineers, Maj. Gen. Edgar J. Davis, and Mrs. J. Davis, Col. and Mrs. Arthur O'Brien, the director general of the Pan-American Union, Dr. Leo S. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton, Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, Mr. Bascom Simpson and Miss Janet Richards.

The Ambassador of France, M. Paul Claudel, and his daughter, Mlle. Reine Claudel, will go to New York today to meet Mrs. Claudel, who will arrive tomorrow on the Ile de France.

The Minister of Portugal and Viscountess d'Almeida, who passed Thanksgiving in New York, will return today.

The Minister of Sweden and Mme. Broom will entertain at dinner this evening in honor of Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden and his younger brother, Prince Sigvard. The guests at the dinner, which is unofficial, will include the members of the party which came from Sweden to attend the wedding of Miss Estelle Manville to Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. H. Edward Manville, parents of the bride, also will be present.

The Minister of the Dominican Republic and Senora de Morales will entertain at dinner on December 20 at the Mayflower.

The Minister of Costa Rica, Senor Don Manuel Ureque, who passed the evening in honor of the former legation in Nineteenth street and has taken an apartment at the Wardman Park Hotel, where the legation headquarters also will be established.

The United States Minister to Jugoslavia and Mrs. Dwyer Prince will be the guests in whose honor Miss Bell Gurnee will entertain at dinner tomorrow night. Mr. and Mrs. Prince will arrive today to be with Miss Gurnee this week.

The Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Roy O. West, will return today from Chicago, where he passed the Thanksgiving week-end with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Augustus West.

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, wife of the Speaker of the House, and their daughter, Paulina, will return today from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Senator and Mrs. Gilbert Hitchcock arrived yesterday and will be at the Carlton for two weeks.

Senator and Mrs. Watson, Brig. Gen. Slaven's Guests. Senator and Mrs. James E. Watson were the ranking guests at the dinner given last evening by Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Thomas H. Slaven. The other guests were Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Charles F. Sumner, Col. and Mrs. Charles Martin, Col. and Mrs. William Slaven, Mrs. G. C. Lewis and Mr. Stanley Slaven.

Senator and Mrs. William Cabell Bruce will arrive today from their home in Maryland.

Senator and Mrs. Charles S. Deneen and Senator and Mrs. Willis F. Glenn are the guests in whose honor Mrs. James R. Mann will entertain at dinner tomorrow evening.

Senator and Mrs. A. H. Vandenberg, of Michigan, are staying at the Willard Hotel.

Representative Charles Winter will pass the winter at the Washington Hotel, where he will be joined early in January by Mrs. Winter.

Representative and Mrs. T. J. B. Robinson, of Iowa, have returned for the coming session of Congress, and will be at the Congress Hall Hotel.

Representative Robert H. Clancy, of Detroit, arrived Saturday and has again taken an apartment at the Wardman Park Hotel for the winter.

Representative Frederick A. Zihlman is stopping at the Wardman Park Hotel.

The Military Attache of the Spanish Embassy, Maj. Victoriano Casasus, will go to Chicago to attend the international aeronautic exposition. Maj. Casasus has been appointed by his government to serve as delegate to the International Civil Aeronautics Conference, meeting in Washington next week. Maj. Casasus will return to his apartment at the Wardman Park Hotel next Monday.

The Attache of the British Embassy and Mrs. Harold H. Sims will return today from Aiken, S. C.

The Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Francis White will entertain at a reception December 11 in honor of the delegates to the international conference of American states on conciliation and arbitration. Mr. and Mrs. White, who are in Baltimore, are expected to return today.

Senor Miguel Cruchaga, former Ambassador from Chile to the United States, has arrived from Mexico City en route to Paris.

Miss Mabel Boardman will entertain at a reception this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, when Mr. I. C. James Yen will speak.

Son of Rear Admiral Taylor Weds Charleston Girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Bigelow, of Charleston, S. C., have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary De Ford Bigelow, to Mr. David Watson Taylor, Jr., son of Rear Admiral and Mrs. David W. Taylor, on September 18 in Baltimore.

Col. and Mrs. James A. Logan, of Paris, are passing a few days in New York, where they will remain to meet Mrs. Logan's son, Mr. Le Grand C.

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Grissold, who is returning from Europe December 11.

Countess Margaret Scherr-Thoss was one of the guests of honor at a dinner given in New York Saturday night by Mr. and Mrs. Morin S. Hare.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Legare entertained at a dinner at Grasslands on Saturday night, when they had 70 guests.

Miss Phyllis Hight Honor Guest at Chevy Chase Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kaufmann entertained at dinner Saturday evening at the Chevy Chase Club in honor of Miss Phyllis Hight. The table was decorated with a profusion of balloons in all colors, graduated to a peak in the center. The guests were Miss Marian Jardine, Miss Nancy Beale, Miss Rachel Davies, Miss Caroline Thompson, Miss Adair Childress, Miss Mary Devereux, Miss Dorothy Dial, Miss Elizabeth Dunlop, Miss Anne Carter Greene, Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, Miss Celeste Page, Miss Faith Phillips, Miss Mary Lee Phillips, Miss Mignon Sherry, Miss Peggy Tyner, Miss Frances Wall, Miss Elise Alexander, Miss Carroll Henderson, Miss Janet Murray, Mr. Clark Brant, Mr. Ward French, Mr. Edward Devereux, Mr. Daniel Long, Mr. Nelson Waller, Mr. J. L. L. Thompson, Jr., Mr. Willbur Hubbard and Mr. David Meares.

Brig. Gen. Albert C. Dalton, of the Shipping Board, accompanied by Mrs. Dalton, are passing several days in New York.

Mrs. Frederick Hicks, who passed the holidays at her country place on Long Island, is expected to return today.

Mrs. Elton Tyner and Miss Peggy Tyner, with Mr. William Bowie Clark, will go to Baltimore tomorrow to attend the first Bachelor's Cotillion. Mrs. Tyner will entertain at dinner at the Belvedere preceding the cotillion.

Mrs. Walter Tuckerman entertained at tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Maj. and Mrs. Albert J. Myer, whose marriage took place recently.

Capt. and Mrs. Henderson Will Present Daughter.

Capt. and Mrs. Robert Henderson will entertain at a tea this afternoon from 4 until 7 o'clock, when they will present their daughter, Miss Carroll Henderson, to society.

Mrs. Eben Burnside will entertain at a debutante luncheon today at the Willard in honor of Miss Elizabeth Brawner.

Mr. Robert Cairns Hayden is at Bermuda for the winter, accompanied by his sister, Miss Florence S. Hayden.

Mrs. Stanley Embick, wife of Col. Embick, is the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Capt. and Mrs. Frank Hastings, at Old Point Comfort, Va.

Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. P. A. Awtry are at the Mayflower on their return to Charleston, S. C., from a three-week visit to Provincetown, Mass.

Mrs. Grace F. Transue, of Alliance, Ohio, has returned to Washington, and is also at the Mayflower, where she has made her home for the past three seasons since her daughter, Miss Ruth

Transue, has been attending the Eastman School. Mrs. Transue and Miss Transue will sail on January aboard the Resolute on a cruise around the world.

Mrs. Alban B. Butler To Present Granddaughter.

Mrs. Alban B. Butler has issued cards for a reception at home December 27 to present her granddaughter, Miss Luvie Butler Moore, to society. The reception will be given at Mrs. Butler's home, 1744 R street.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Grass have returned after passing ten days in Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Walter Bliss, of New York, will be a guest at the Mayflower until today, having come South to visit her daughter, Miss Priscilla Bliss, who is at Foxcroft School.

Miss Helen R. Noyes, of New York City, is at the Carlton for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall King, who passed the Thanksgiving holidays at their country place near Warrenton, Va., have returned to the Capital.

Mr. Clyde Wise Portlock, who has had an apartment at the Cairo for the past several seasons, is spending the winter abroad. Before returning in the spring he will travel through the Orient.

Mrs. Henry Ellsworth Bemis, of New York, and her brother, Mr. John F. Austin, are passing several days at the Wardman Park Hotel en route to White Sulphur Springs, where they will pass several weeks before going to their home in Palm Beach.

Commander and Mrs. H. F. Glover, of the naval ordnance depot, Charleston, W. Va., are at the Fairfax.

Mrs. Ida C. Carter has come from New York to pass the winter at the Grace Dodge Hotel.

Mrs. Howard S. Flak, of 1054 Quebec place, will entertain at a tea Sunday from 5 to 7 o'clock in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph F. Bartley, who was married September 16. Mrs. Flak will be assisted by her sister, Mrs. George A. Trapp; Mrs. Helen B. Bartley, mother-in-law of Mrs. Bartley; Miss Edith E. Robey and Miss Pearl A. Jones.

Mrs. Marie A. Mallory, of South Nyack, N. Y., and her daughter, Miss Fontaine Mallory, have arrived to pass the winter at the Grace Dodge Hotel.

Mrs. Sydney Thompson will arrive this afternoon from New York City, and will be the guest during the week of Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Corbin, of the Chilton Apartments. Mrs. Thompson, who will appear Wednesday night in a dramatic recital before the Community Institute of Washington, is a sister of the well-known essayist and novelist, Vance Thompson, and is a graduate of Vassar.

The District Society, Dames of the Loyal Legion, will hold a card party today at the Willard. Assisting Mrs. Jerome Lightfoot, the chairman, will be Miss Katherine Alvord, Mrs. Edward Brock, Mrs. Percy Cranford, Mrs. Samuel Drury, Mrs. George Dudley, Miss May Husted, Mrs. Courtland Nixon, Mrs. Hugh Carnes Smith and Miss Elizabeth Woodward.

Mrs. Thomas H. Tallafiero, chairman of the Kenmore ball, and Mrs. E. A. Harriman, vice chairman, are point box holders for the event tonight at the Willard. Mr. and Mrs. Tallafiero will have with them as their guests, Comdr. Russell Crenshaw and Mrs. Crenshaw, Dr. Edward Emery Morse and Mr. Ludwell Lee Montague. Mrs. Harriman will entertain Mrs. Joseph Washington, Mrs. H. and Mrs. Edmund Platt. Supper will be served at 12 o'clock.

The Pennsylvania Society of Washington will hold its "Celebration Night" at the Willard December 11. This will be the last meeting of the year and elaborate preparations have been made for the meeting. The honor guests will be Dr. Hubert Work, chairman of the Republican National committee, and Lieut. Lester J. Matland, transpacific flier. After the program there will be dancing. New officers will be elected at this meeting.

The Woman's National Democratic Club's Thursday evening dinner this week will be followed by a talk by Mrs. Elizabeth W. de Huff on "Art and By-Paths of the Indians in New Mexico and Arizona," with stereopticon views.

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13 ALREADY ARRESTED

Detroit, Dec. 2 (A.P.).—With estimates already before it, the new customs unit in the Detroit area annually approaches the staggering sum of \$2,000,000. A Federal grand jury tomorrow will resume its investigation in an effort to determine the scope of the alleged corruption.

Thirteen customs inspectors have been arrested thus far on charges of accepting bribes and tributes in a conspiracy to permit wholesale smuggling of liquor across the Detroit water border from Canada.

John R. Watkins, United States district attorney, has estimated that approximately 100 inspectors would be dismissed from the service before the investigation ends and that half that number of "liquor barons" will be indicted.

The district attorney expects it will be necessary to send a crew of customs agents here from other cities to replace the present patrol.

The grand jury took up the case following arrest of the thirteen inspectors on information supplied by undercover investigations. Watkins said 20 to 30 other members of the patrol probably will be indicted. The undercover men were sent here on orders from Washington, and their investigation was understood to have been conducted over a period of about eight months.

Six of the inspectors arrested were said by Federal authorities to have "talked freely" before the grand jury. The estimate of \$2,000,000 in tribute collected annually from rum runners was based on the statement of Watkins that an average month's split of an individual member of the patrol was \$1,700, and that approximately 100 men are involved. The estimate is bolstered by previous estimates of prohibition enforcement officials that the liquor smuggling business in the Detroit area amounts to approximately \$50,000,000 a year.

Sumner C. Steeper, head of the customs patrol forces, was quoted as having stated that tribute has been paid on the liquor smuggled into this country across the Detroit River.

Aged Ram Dies; Lured 7,000,000 Kin to Death

Chicago, Dec. 2 (N.Y.N.S.).—After ten years of deceiving, luring and leading them to slaughter, "Joe's Jerry," the old ram of Armour & Co. in the stock yards, died of old age yesterday.

From the sheep pens he would take his place at the head of the procession and march into the slaughter house, never turning to see the unhappy fate of the procession, which was quickly reduced to mutton and lamb chops. In his time he had lured 7,000,000 sheep over the Bridge of Sighs.

Gunnar Knudsen, Former Norway Premier, Is Dead

Oslo, Norway, Dec. 2 (A.P.).—Gunnar Knudsen, former premier of Norway and a leader of the Radical party for more than 30 years, died yesterday at the age of 80 years.

He was premier in 1908-10 and again in the troubled years 1913 to 1920 when the neutrality of Norway in the face of warring Europe presented many serious problems. He had also been minister of finance and president of the Storting. He was a wealthy ship owner.

"Queen" of Night Clubs Is Again Facing Arrest

London, Dec. 2 (U.P.).—Scotland Yard officials issued a warrant tonight for the arrest of Kate Meyrick, known as "queen of the night clubs." She was released from prison last week after serving a term for violation of the closing laws.

The warrant was issued under the corrupt practices act. Mrs. Meyrick, whose two daughters married peers, said she had "enjoyed" prison life, but is going to settle down on a chicken farm shortly.

Eye Blows Up in Sleep, So He Will Buy Another

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 2 (N.Y.N.S.).—Ralph Phillips, of Forestville, Sullivan County, plans to buy a new glass eye in a few days. His old eye exploded a few days ago while he was asleep.

Lord Tennyson, Poet's Son, Dies at Age of 77

(Special Cable Dispatch.)

London, Dec. 2.—Lord Tennyson, son of the famous poet, died this morning of lung trouble at the age of 77.

Lord Tennyson was the governor of South Australia from 1899 to 1902, first acting as governor general of Australia in 1902.

Escape of 3 Doomed Convicts Frustrated

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 2 (U.P.).—Three prisoners sentenced to die were caught trying to escape from the Fulton County jail here last night.

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Weekly prizes of \$5 are given in two classes, one for high school students and one for grade-junior high school pupils, with a \$20 quarterly prize. The best 250-word essays on the "Big News" of each week determine the \$5 winners, while best during the quarterly period.

IN THE PLAY HOUSE

By JOHN J. DALY

The Messrs. Shubert present the New York Winter Garden spectacle "A Night in Spain," 31 scenes, with Ted Healy, Allen Stanley, Cortez and Peggy, Mary Allen, Glen Dale, Bobby Pinkney, Mervyn Dunn, Paul and Peral, Bob Sawyer, William Smith, Barbara Vernon, Sam Braun, Fodi Brown, Shemp Howard, Tito Anderson, Sara Grawson. First time in Washington. Book by Harold Atteridge. Music by Jean Schwartz. Lyrics by Al Bryan. Musical numbers by Ralph Reader and Gertrude Hoffman. Orchestra under the direction of Dan Carameo. Scenery by J. J. Shubert. Settings by Watson Barrett. The production is a masterpiece of scenic art as de Seville. Dialogue staged by personal direction of Mr. J. J. Shubert.

Actors and actresses, they tell us, are by nature temperamental. Audiences rarely display those emotions that border on temper—if not temperament. But last night at Poli's some of those gathered for the unfolding of the revue grew into a riot, not to say impatient. As the minute hand and the hour hand met at the point of 9 on the clock and no sign of an orchestra, the gallery gods let loose. At five minutes to 9 o'clock the first violin player, or perhaps it was the trap drummer, came up from under the stage—and then the booing began. Now, just why any one should boo the trombone player before he gets behind his horn is a mystery; but the boys did—and eventually "A Night in Spain" came to take its place in Washington theatricals.

It seems that this international revue in 2 acts and 31 scenes "made the jump" from Louisville. In order to get to Washington on time, the Saturday night performance in the City of Colonels, and Kernels, was canceled. This is known in theaterland as "a heavy show" and it takes a long time to "hang it." In fact, it takes anywhere from eight to ten hours just to get the scenery, and the curtains, and whatnot, adjusted. For "A Night in Spain." Not having that much time, the production opened late.

When an audience gets in such a mood as that achieved at Poli's last night, an edge is taken off any performance. Or, maybe, the title had something to do with it, Spain being such a languid country, according to the reports brought back by Burton Holmes. Whatever it was, a lot of

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URGES TRUE DEMOCRACY

Mexico City, Dec. 2 (A.P.).—Former President Calles, as head of the organizing committee of the new "revolutionary party" of Mexico, has issued a manifesto to the public calling upon all "revolutionary elements" to join in the formation of a great national political party.

The manifesto declares that its signers—members of the organizing committee—are convinced that if "in this historical moment for Mexico strong political parties representing various phases of public opinion are organized, the republic will be saved from the anarchy toward which, otherwise, certain personal ambitions might lead it."

It is pointed out that the late president-elect, Gen. Obregon, was the only chieftain with a strong enough personality to be able to solve the problem of the presidential succession, and that now he is dead, and strong personalities are lacking, it is necessary to create organized political forces to control public opinion and support the government.

Then it is asserted that the revolutionists, through the former president, have been seeking to organize both of themselves and of parties representing opposing schools of political thought, such parties to be founded on strong principles in order to "establish true democracy with the institutional life of the country."

It is announced that representatives of all clubs, parties, societies, etc., of a revolutionary nature will be summoned to attend a national convention, at which organization of the "revolutionary party" will be sought.

Feud in Church Choir Ends in Court; 2 Fined

Special to The Washington Post.

Appleton, Wis., Dec. 2.—A family feud which broke out among members of the Hopfensperger and Grode families while the men were singing in the choir at a special service in the Darby (Wis.) church on Saturday evening, November 17, resulted in fining of two of the Grodes in municipal court here today.

The fight started when Edmund Grode pulled a chair from under David Hopfensperger, Edmund, and Willard, his brother, later attacked Hopfensperger in the church. The two Grodes were arrested and the judge fined Edmund \$25 and costs and Willard \$10 and costs. Edmund also was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail, but sentence was suspended.

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WEST REPORT NOTES NEGRO SCHOOL GAIN

Colleges for Race Have In-
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Cent in Ten Years.

ADVANCEMENT IN SOUTH

A feature of the 1928 annual report of the Secretary of the Interior is the recent showing made in negro education. A comprehensive study of negro colleges and universities, conducted by the Bureau of Education shows "marked progress and an extraordinary demand among the negro people of the country for college and university education."

Of the 79 institutions included in the survey, 77 were doing college work as compared with 31 ten years ago. The enrollment of negro students in those institutions totaled 13,860, as compared with 2,132 in 1917, a gain of 550 per cent.

The report of the Secretary of the Interior points out that for every 10,000 negroes in the United States, 15 are attending college, as against 60 for every 10,000 whites.

"With five exceptions," the report said, "the colleges included in the study were located in Southern States, indicating a widespread sentiment in the South in favor of negro higher education. Twenty-two of the institutions were operated by States and supported through public taxation. The bureau's study also shows that the negroes themselves have not been remiss in providing higher education, 17 of their colleges being owned, administered and financed by members of their race."

The capital value of the investments in these negro schools was fixed at \$15,720,000, including land, buildings and equipment. The total productive endowment of negro colleges ten years ago was \$7,225,000, with an annual yield of \$361,250, but last year the sums were \$15,000,000 and \$1,071,200, approximately a fourfold increase in a decade.

The survey of the Interior Department found a shortage of teachers for negro schools and colleges.

French Minister Urges China Tariff Autonomy

(Special Cable Dispatch.)

Shanghai, Dec. 2.—While negotiations between the Chinese and French governments still are pending, it is learned the French Minister Count de Martel, agreed to conclude a new treaty granting the Chinese tariff autonomy, similar to the American precedent.

In reference to the questions pertaining to the relations between China and the French Oriental territory in Indo-China, the French agreed to stationing Chinese consuls in the French colony, and also agreed to grant full protection to the Chinese citizens of that area.

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50,000	Cincinnati, Ohio, reg'd.	4 1/2	1943	4.10
50,000	Portland, Ore.	4	1940-50	4.10
250,000	Detroit, Mich.	4	1958	4.10
300,000	Detroit, Mich.	4 1/2	1938-58	4.15
250,000	New York, N. Y.	4 1/2	1966	4.15
200,000	New York, N. Y.	4 1/2	1978	4.14
250,000	Passaic, N. J.	4 1/2	1938-67	4.20
150,000	Chicago Sanitary Dist., Ill.	4 1/2	1939-48	100 1/4
40,000	Norfolk, Va.	4 1/2	1947-50	4.30
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Wave Rules Arouse Big Radio Row

Crosley and Rice Refuse to Demand Lengths Used by Others as Commission Asks for Fight to Remain on Air.

By ROBERT D. HEINE.

In its regulation which requires that a broadcaster discontinue his transmission if he is unable to obtain the necessary wave length in his zone to which he is entitled, the Radio Commission has encountered stiff opposition from two of the most powerful men in the industry—Martin P. Rice, manager of broadcasting for the General Electric Co., in charge of station WGY, Schenectady, and Powell Crosley, Jr., of station WLW, at Cincinnati.

Though importuned by the commission to do so, neither has as yet complied with the regulation, the station the standing of which has brought about the litigation to be threatened out in the District Court of Appeals here today to set aside an order forcing WGY to suspend broadcasting on its assigned frequency at sunset on the Pacific Coast.

"We have no quarrel with any radio station," Mr. Rice said recently, addressing Louis G. Caldwell, chief counsel of the commission, "and we do not feel we should be compelled by the commission to start any such quarrel. We were told a hearing could not be granted unless we were willing to attack some other station in our zone and demand its wave length. If we can't use the wave we have enjoyed for five years, the commission should grant us an equally good one."

Takes Similar Position.

Mr. Crosley, finding himself in almost the same boat with Mr. Rice, has taken the same position. Station WSAI, at Cincinnati, owned by the former, has been ordered to cease broadcasting each night at sundown. Mr. Crosley has asked that the station's old wave length be restored to it, but that wave now having been transferred to the Western zone, Mr. Crosley refuses to designate one in the Ohio zone to which he thinks he is entitled.

"I am not going to pick a fight with Cleveland or Columbus by trying to take a wave length from one of their stations and I don't think the commission ought to put me in that position," Mr. Crosley, apparently with fighting blood up, said to the writer when he was in town last week. "Those who are entitled to that wave length just as well as Cincinnati. It seems to me to be up to the commission to find the wave to which we are entitled."

As a result of the special test made by Station WRC, in Washington, KMBC-KLDS, of Kansas City, Mo., and KOHL, Billings, Mont., all broadcasting on the same frequency. Capt. Guy Hill, U. S. A., broadcasting engineer of the Radio Commission, said yesterday that reports received by him show without question that KMBC-KLDS, when using 1,000-watt power, very seriously interfered with WRC.

"The result of the test showed that KMBC-KLDS, at Kansas City, is the cause of interference," A. L. Groves, of Brook, Va., telegraphed the commission. "KMBC-KLDS was often stronger than WRC here. There was not one understandable word from WRC when KMBC-KLDS was transmitting. There was no noticeable trouble between WRC and KOHL, at Billings, but KMBC was slightly disturbed by KOHL."

"I listened in on the test program of Station WRC this morning at 3 p. m.," E. B. Clark, 724 East Forty-first street, Baltimore, telegraphed the commission. "I wish to report that the interference with WRC caused by KMBC-KLDS was a very serious one. I discontinued copying the program after the third selection was played. It was simply impossible and at times the broadcast could hardly be heard. I live in the suburbs of Baltimore, where reception conditions should be ideal."

It was reported by others that KMBC-KLDS came into Baltimore almost as strong as WRC. Also that when WRC was off and KMBC-KLDS was transmitting the Kansas City station could be heard with considerable strength in the Capital.

This was pointed to as further indication that the station would give WRC trouble if it broadcast at the same time and KMBC-KLDS continued to use twice the power of the local station.

It was on this contention that Capt. Hill, with the approval of the Radio Commission, last week ordered the power of Stations KMBC-KLDS and WRC, both of Kansas City, and broadcasting alternately on WRC's frequency, cut from 1,000 to 500 watts.

Nothing official was forthcoming on the subject, but it is assumed as the result of the special test that this order may now become permanent, thus obliging the Kansas City stations to continue their broadcasting with greatly decreased power.

Mrs. Addie W. Hunton Talks to Wheatley Girls

Mrs. Addie W. Hunton, of Brooklyn, was the principal speaker at a meeting of Literature Lovers at the Phillis Wheatley Young Women's Christian Association yesterday. She gave an illustrative account of her several trips to Haiti and her visits among the black peasantry of the island, concerning whom little is known by the outside world. Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford presided.

In connection with this program the hospitality committee of the association presented a twilight musicale, the participants being local artists, including Virginia Quivers, Ethel Wise, Fannie Douglas, John Macklin, Dr. C. Sumner Wormley, Robert Syphax and Albert Burgess.

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AAA—Arlington.

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10:05 a. m.—2:45 and 10:05 p. m.—Weather report.

WMAL—Washington Radio Forum. (475 Meters, 630 Kilocycles.)

12:12:45 p. m.—Brunswick Panatone.

12:30 p. m.—Merchants' dinner hour concert.

1:15 p. m.—Listening-in on Jimmy and Val.

2:30 p. m.—Corset time.

3:00 p. m.—Blindfold test and Les Colvin.

3:15 p. m.—"Tales of the Theater," by Colby Harrington.

3:30 p. m.—Country.

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CITIZENS TO HEAR HOOVER MESSAGE Letter to Be Read Today at Meeting of Dupont Circle Group.

Demarest Lloyd, president of the Dupont Circle Citizens Association, will read this afternoon at a meeting of the association in the Mayflower Hotel a letter from President-elect Hoover.

Lloyd sent a wire in the name of the association congratulating Hoover upon his election. The President-elect wrote a personal letter in return before he left on his good will tour to South America.

The letter, it is understood, briefly thanks the association for the telegram and expresses pleasure in the work it is doing. Both President-elect and Mrs. Hoover were members of the association.

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In memory of 29 brothers of the local Elks lodge, who died during the past year, members of the Washington Chapter of Elks last night held their annual memorial service. The service was held at the lodge, No. 15, headquarters, 919 H street northwest. The large assembly hall was filled to capacity with members, friends and relatives.

The most impressive number on the order of exercises was the lighting of a large cross, light by light, as a name of a deceased member was called. William S. Shelby, secretary of the local lodge, following an address in which he paid tribute to the dead, read off the names. As each name was read a purple light was lit. The cross, when completed in a darkened hall was outlined by white lights. Purple and white, for the colors of the order.

John Murray Anderson's "Stars" review, Mr. Eddy does double his accustomed stint, appearing first in his familiar rendition of that weird Afro-American lament, "The St. Louis Blues," and later in a German comedy bit, "The King's Daughter," a re-creation in which the Palace symphony orchestra, under the baton of George G. Schumann, played a rollicking tune.

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